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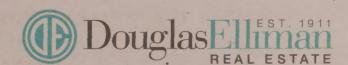


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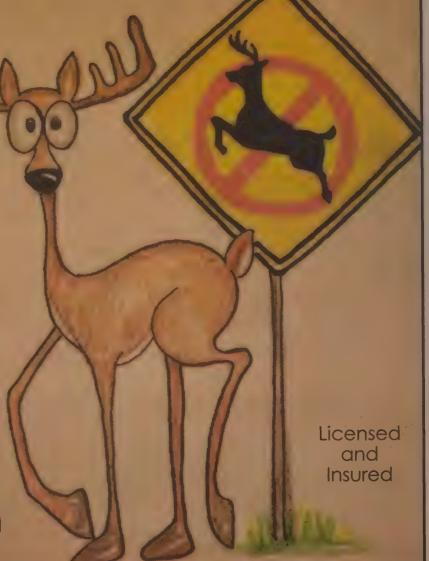
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East Hampton's Jerry Seinfeld will begin a residency at New York's Beacon Theatre on January 7. Said the comedian in a statement, "My favorite theater in New York to perform in has always been The Beacon. Comedians live for certain houses that just feel 'alive' for some reason. The Beacon is that place for me and I am so excited to make it my new home." Tickets have already gone on sale for monthly performances of "Jerry Seinfeld: The Homestand."

Sag Harbor's Bay Street Theater and Sag Harbor Center for the Arts held its annual holiday party at the Topping Rose House last Saturday evening. Bay Street's Artistic Director, Scott Schwartz, announced the 2016 season's musical...drum roll, please...it will be a new version of Rodgers & Hammerstein's My Fair Lady!

Happy birthday, Governor Andrew Cuomo! Cuomo celebrated the special occasion with an East End fishing trip on December 6.

Celebrity support continues for Hamptons regular Hillary Clinton. Actress Drew Barrymore and her husband, Will Kopelman, will host a holiday fundraiser for the presidential hopeful at the Sheraton New York on December 17. Chelsea Clinton, Katie Holmes, Rep. Sean Maloney are expected to attend.

Montauk's Julian Schnabel added his mark to Lenny Kravitz's photography exhibit at Art Basel in Miami last week. The artist spraypainted "more up here" on the musician's display. Schnabel's son, Vito, and his girlfriend, Heidi Klum, also attended the art event. The Schnabels weren't the only Hamptons representatives at Art Basel. Jayma Cardoso, owner of the Surf Lodge, opened a pop-up version of the Montauk hot spot at the Hall, a new Miami Beach resort. Pamela Anderson reportedly attended an exclusive dinner held at Surf Lodge South Beach.

A new home for the holidays! **Roscoe**, who played Candy's dog in Bay Street Theater's recent production of *Of Mice and Men*, has been adopted from the Southampton Animal Shelter. Congrats to the canny canine and his new family.

East Hampton resident Martha Stewart has moved American Made, her online shop for artisan-crafted goods, from eBay to Amazon's new Handmade (Continued on page 20)





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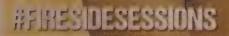
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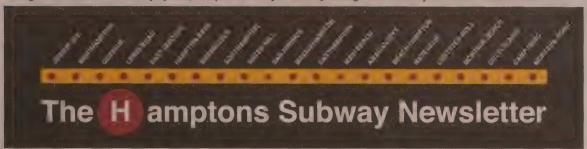


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Louis C.K. was seen traveling from North Haven to Sag Harbor on Sunday morning, telling jokes to the crowds. That same morning, Jerry Seinfeld was seen telling jokes while heading from Amagansett to East Hampton, as was Jon Stewart, going from North Sea to Noyac and Tina Fey, heading from Shinnecock to Southampton. Hamptons Subway Security Police, called in to quell what appeared to be cases of the giggles on several platforms determined that the comedians traveling around were not connected to one another, didn't know anyone else in their craft was out there and were otherwise on the up and up. The worst imbroglio occurred on the Southampton platform where customers had to be separated for snorting, laughing and hitting each other over the head with rolled-up newspapers they had bought at the newsstand down there.

RUNAWAY TRAIN

Around two o'clock in the morning, one of the subway cars being cleaned at the Montauk Yards rolled slowly down the tracks by itself to the chain-link fence that is supposed to keep the trains inside at that hour, found it open and raced out onto the tracks and down toward Napeague. Some of the maintenance people followed it out but couldn't keep up.

The car, #22, then speeded up and roared out through the Napeague and Amagansett stations, then on to East Hampton, Sag Harbor and Bridgehampton, and after that was lost for a while. Half an hour later, however, #22 was reported in Quogue and then Westhampton Beach, and after that it came back east, only to go around again when it got back to Napeague.

In the course of this little escapade, the car, with its horn continuously blowing, scattered a group of people who were attending an annual Qigong Meditation Conference out on the tracks at that hour between Southampton and Hampton Bays and then another meeting further west of the Hamptons Extreme Hand-Combat Committee in Quiogue which, while scattering, caused a series of small fires. (Hamptons Subway hires out the tracks at different locations without regard to race, religion, color, creed, obesity or gender.)

After two further hours of this rampage, the subway car appeared to tire a bit, slowed down and finally came back down Napeague at a slow trot where it found the chain link fence door still open and so came back in to the spot where it had left.

Commissioner Aspinall says he cannot account for this behavior, but cautions maintenance

crew member to see to it that ignitions are turned off, and the chain-link fence gate is kept closed and guarded at all times so this won't happen again.

LITTLE KNOWN SUBWAY FACT

Until 15 years ago, the turnstiles were activated by putting a subway token in a

slot, waiting for it to fall down a tube into a metal bucket inside, and then pushing the turnstile bar that lets you go through. Some youngsters got these tokens back out by sucking on the slot when nobody was looking, and nobody ever did come up with a way of putting an end to this, until finally we switched to swipe cards.

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This is Aspen, Colorado Week on the Hamptons Subway. Full-color images of Aspen will be projected on the walls of all stations during this week, brochures will be handed out by the conductors and ski equipment pop-up stores will appear on all platforms just for the week. All this is courtesy of the Aspen, Colorado Chamber of Commerce.





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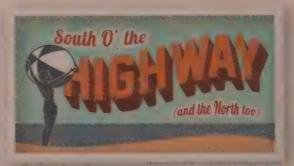
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Clare Bisceglia has returned to her former position as Executive Director of the Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center, following the recent resignation of James Burke.

Dominic Sheehan is the lucky winner of this year's East End Classic Boat Society's boat raffle. He is now the proud owner of a 13-foot Pooduck skiff, which was built in the Hartjen Richardson Community Boat Shop in Amagansett.

Sag Harbor poet **Marc Cohen** will read from his new book, *Unknown Sky*, with New York poet **George Guida** on Saturday, December 12 at Sag Harbor mainstay Canio's Books.

Sag Harbor singer-songwriter Raphael Odell Shapiro wowed the crowd at Fresh Hamptons in Bridgehampton last Monday night with original songs from his recently released folk EP, *Monster*. Shapiro is now on tour along the East Coast with his band Odell Fox. The duo will be settling in Austin, Texas for a spell and releasing their first album in 2016.

On the move: Naomi Watts and Liev Schreiber have put their Amagansett house on the market. The 6,100-square-foot home, in walking distance to both town and the beach, has six bedrooms, 7.5 bathrooms, a gunite pool and a pool house. The asking price is \$5.85 million.

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Hamptons Take 2 Documentary Film Festival

The Hamptons Take
2 Documentary Film
Festival cocktail
reception honoring
filmmaker Stanley Nelson
was held Saturday in
Sag Harbor at Bay Street
Theater, where the rooms
were packed and the
conversations were lofty.
Photographs by
Daniel Gonzalez









1. Jon Snow, the camp director and a founding member of the Hayground Camp and School 2. Pat Lutkins with artist Hector Leonardi 3. Hamptons Take 2 Documentary Film Festival executive director Jacqui Lofaro with honoree Stanley Nelson, Marsha Smith and creative director Karen Arikian 4. Producer, filmmaker and Academy Award winner Nigel Nobel

East Hampton Village Santa Parade

Saturday morning on East Hampton's Main Street, people of all ages gathered to claim their spot along the parade route to see Santa Claus, the floats and elves bearing bags of candy. Photographs by Daniel Gonzalez









1. East Hampton Village's Mayor **Paul Rickenback Jr.** with historians **Loretta Orion** and **Hugh King**

2. Three elves, Mrs. Claus and Santa Claus himself

3. The Kiwanis Express riding up Main Street spreading holiday cheer

4. Princess Leia floats past with Luke Skywalker and Boba Fett

5. Riding high, Ken Wessberg loops in and around the parade route



LongHouse Reserve Holiday Gathering with the Yoko Ono Wish Tree

LongHouse Reserve in East Hampton hosted its annual Holiday Gathering on November 28 to celebrate the season. The inclement weather didn't stop patrons from strolling the gardens, viewing the sculpture, and placing wishes on the Yoko Ono Wish Tree. Afterward, many attendees went shopping at the INstore@LongHouse for special holiday gifts.

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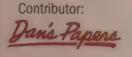
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Herders Hired

Skilled Deer Herders from Tibet Will Tend to the Deer Here This Winter

BY DAN RATTINER

N o one seems to have a good plan on what to do with the excessively large number of deer that roam free in the Hamptons. Having hunters shoot them is opposed by back-tonature groups. Having federal marksmen come and shoot them is opposed by back-to-nature groups, hunters and child welfare groups. Putting out food in feeding stations for them is opposed by motorists, right-wing Tea Party conservatives and everyone on food stamps. Darting them with sterilization chemicals is opposed by right to life members and proponents of the pure food and drug act. Hauling them off in trucks to the Adirondacks is opposed by people living in the Adirondacks. Letting them just run free is opposed by everyone who plants landscaping around their home.

Even a plan to spay the females has not worked out. An East Hampton organization called the East Hampton Group for Wildlife filed a suit against East Hampton Village last week regarding the village's hiring a company that the Group for Wildlife claims essentially botched the job of spaying 114 female deer by, among other things, not using proper medical locations or attire when they did that job last fall, thus causing the female

deer considerable pain and suffering.

It's so frustrating. Everything we try just doesn't work out. And now we are approaching another winter when deer will be in crisis here.

At last Tuesday's Hampton Town Board meeting, however, the Mayor of the Hamptons, David Klein, presented a plan for the deer that is apparently acceptable to everybody except one group, which will be mentioned at the end of this article.

"Recently watching a documentary on the National Geographic Channel, I was fascinated to see a tribe of natives in Tibet herd deer. I didn't know you could herd deer. I contacted the makers of the documentary and they put me in touch with the tribal chiefs there. The native group is known as the Patakis."

Five Patakis were present at the Town Board meeting. All five had been flown in from Tibet 10 days ago and have, during these days, held meet and greets with many different interest groups here, all of whom have found the Patakis charming, intelligent and, although quite short, very handsome. They speak no English but can get the meanings of their conversation across quite easily with hand gestures that those in the know say is somewhere between sign Language, Pig Latin, Spanglish and Braille.

"The Patakis as a tribe (Cont'd on next page)



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in Tibet are who you call in when you have a deer problem," the Mayor said. "That is all they do. They are specialists. As shepherds, they tend the deer, and, using little wooden switches and miniature poodle dogs who run around keeping everything orderly, get the deer walking in line and moving nose-to-tail to pastures they have for them in the community."

People at the Town Board meeting were a little put off at first by the war paint the Patakis smear on their bodies and by the spears they carry. But the man who is their leader, who calls himself the Hokus, led the Patakis in native dances and songs in front of the crowd in the auditorium, and these herders were quite fetching, indeed. They carry leather water bottles on belts around their waists wear

beaded moccasins, hand-tooled vests and black rubber galoshes and, in performing for the citizenry, stopped on several occasions to blow into rams horns the men carry, which elicited a mournful cry, got the poodles barking and at least a dozen deer in from the woods across from the firehouse parking lot to the auditorium front door expressing tears of joy, where the Patakis ordered them to sit for the duration of the meeting before leading them off waving and smiling—the Patakis, that is—to pasture for the night.

"We have set aside nine pastures for the deer in the Hamptons," the Mayor said. "In Amagansett, the pasture is alongside the Amagansett IGA in that unused field there. In Montauk, the deer are pastured in a very lightly used 50-acre park out on Navy Road called Roughrider Park, which the citizenry of that town have not cottoned to. In East Hampton, the pasture is the East Hampton High School football field. In Bridgehampton it is the field behind the Bridgehampton Historical Society, in Water Mill it is the Village Green, in Southampton it is in part of the parking lot across from the railroad station, in Hampton Bays it's at Red Creek Park, and in Westhampton its alongside the runway at Gabreski Airport."

The mayor explained that the Patakis, who sleep on mats out in the open, keep warm with the deer and the dogs huddled around them, then travel by night from one pasture to another to keep the deer and dogs fit and trim.

"The Patakis will be able to herd the deer from place to place between 3 and 5 a.m. every day, using the shoulder of the Montauk Highway through the community. They will go single-file along the road, so there is no need to divert late-night traffic while they are on the move. The last Pataki has a reflector on his back, the one in the front has a skullcap with a lantern light strapped to it.

"So far, the only group objecting to the deer being rounded up and brought to pasture is the Hampton Automobile Body Shop Repair Union, which represents the interests of body shops around the Hamptons that repair dents in cars that have been in accidents with the deer. It is expected there will be far fewer accidents with deer, or, as the Patakis charmingly put it, 'garushelah ka-pow,' due to the iron discipline and tutelage of the Patakis."

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And local citizens are welcome to come to the pastures between five and six any morning when the deer and the herders wake up, so the citizenry can pet the deer and feed them carrots and apples, which they really love. (The Patakis eat only empty peanut shells—which local Hamptonites throw away, so this is really recycling of the highest order.)

Feel free to take pictures, too.

Deer herding by the Patakis will begin on December 11, when more than 200 of the Patakis will arrive here, both men and women, to camp out in the pastures—the women cook the meals, take care of children and play the accordions—and they will be here until the end of March, when they have to leave for home to Tibet for the Feast of the Gods, which takes place every year there on the first Tuesday in April. The men go the following week. Be sure to come out at dawn to watch the women go, and then the following week the men, paddling their outrigger canoes from Long Wharf on the appointed days. (Watch for the dates in *Dan's Papers* calendar of events pages.)

"We'll see how it all went after they go," the Mayor said. "If we deem it to have been a success, we'll have them back next winter. By the way, they work very cheap."



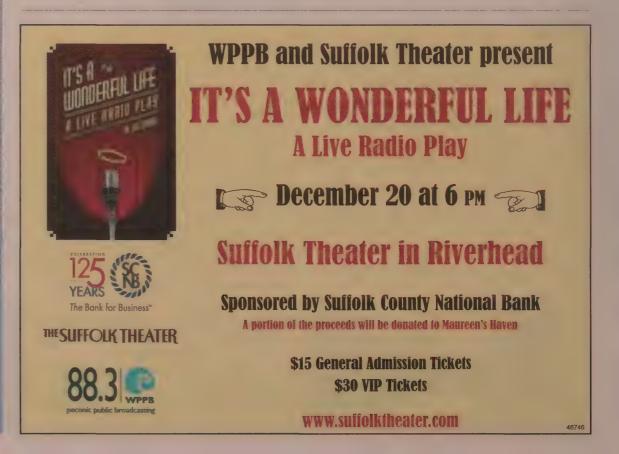
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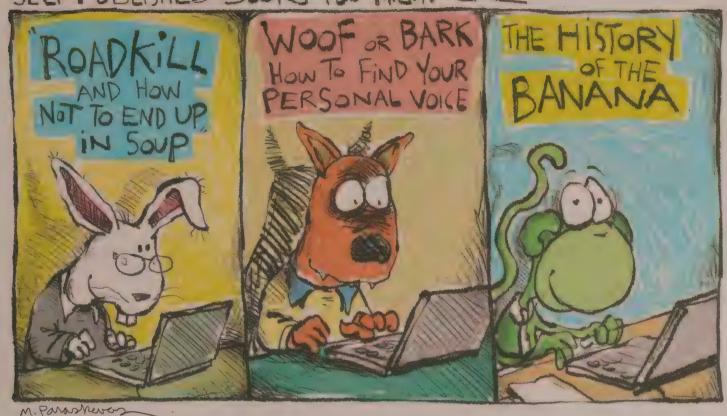
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Various Thoughts

Words of Wisdom, Cleaner Cats and Protesters in Montauk

BY DAN RATTINER

here's been a lot of talk in recent years A about the decline and coming demise of words printed on paper. There is certainly something to this, although it seems there will always be people who want to hold words on paper in their hands. While we are lamenting this, some people also assume that this decline will result in a concurrent decline in the interest of the printed word altogether.

I think this is a false assumption. In fact, I think there has been an explosion in the attention paid to written words. Before the recent advent of the digital age, people were glued to their TVs. They got stories on TV and they got information on TV, largely without the use of words. Everything was just shown to us. And we assuaged ourselves into believing that the trade-off was togetherness. The family was all snuggled up on their sofa, watching together six hours a day.

Also during this era, the transmission of words onto paper was still extremely laborious, as it had been for centuries before. People did get words out there. But those needing to get it out had to struggle with typewriters that

required a knowledge of the OUERTY keyboard. a backspace and Wite Out to fix errors, linotype machines to put metal sentences into rows from which they could be printed with ink on paper and then delivered by trucks.

Today everyone is a writer. We tweet, message, email, text, write stories and novels, and if you are a kid in the civilized world you learn the QUERTY keyboard, how to speed type and how to fashion words into what you want to say by the time you are eight years old. SpellCheck fixes your errors, no costly ink and paper required. And for editing, just highlight, copy, delete and move words around with ease. EVERYBODY writes. And everybody needs written words to make that happen. Lots of them. Lots more than ever before.

How can we forget that words are not about the delivery of them, but the fact of them? And how can we fail to notice not only that our children have a thirst for them, but because of a side effect of the digital age—the collapse of telephone use-we text words. We now do about 80% of our former telephone calls by texting. And thank God for that. Texts are seen in a glance. Telephone calls interrupt whatever the hell you are doing. Golf. The theater. Being

in flagrante delicto (look it up on Google). We are slaves to our telephones no more.

It is my belief that this dramatic increase in the use of written words is raising all boats. Bookstores, it turns out are NOT all going out of business. Newspapers are NOT dying. And there is a huge surge in storytelling. We are being inundated with the Moth Radio Hour, with Garrison Keillor and David Sedaris, with essays, factual accounts, readings and books. Here in the Hamptons when Louis C.K. comes to town, people stand in line to hear him. There is Fridays at Five where authors speak, there is Authors Night at the East Hampton Library, there's the writers workshop at Southampton College, there are essay writing competitions such as the Dan's Papers Literary Prize for Nonfiction, and there are literary salons that people go to where they can hear authors speak.

None of this was happening in such abundance

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TO THOSE WHO PROTEST AT MONTAUK

I want to give a shout-out to all those who have been demonstrating out on the beach in Montauk, hoping to shut down the sandbag

sand dune project out there. I mentioned in an earlier article that I felt a kinship with the protesters because in my youth I demonstrated against a beach project and got it to stop, which turned out to be the very worst thing to do as far as saving homes from the sea was concerned. We had a lot of fun stopping the project. And we had our reasons. But they were wrong reasons.

In the present case, however, I have now come to conclusion that this new demonstration is for the right reasons—not that stopping this project is a right reason—but for the expression of outrage that beautiful Montauk might be ruined.

People love Montauk. I am one. In the summertime, ocean breezes sweep in, push

away the heat and wash the town clean. Montauk needs no air conditioning in the summertime.

There is water everywhere, either close by or off in the distance. It is a harbor, a pond, along the arc of the bay, rushing between the jetties leading in to Lake Montauk, pounding on the ocean beaches. There's water you might not even know. Off the lighthouse is the Rip, a confusing and dangerous melee of choppy water caused by Long Island Sound meeting the Atlantic Ocean. Fishermen know the Rip. Now you do, too.

The variety of water in Montauk mirrors the variety of the land it touches upon. Montauk has forests, woods, hills, sand dunes, beach grass, fields, wetlands, cliffs, swamps, piles of boulders, farmland, pastureland, even scrub pines. And it's all within a 10-minute drive of wherever you are.

Then there is the history. There's where Teddy Roosevelt and the Roughriders arrived to spend a summer recovering after the Spanish-American War. There's President McKinley visiting, the story of an attempt to fly across the Atlantic before Lindbergh—in a dirigible something never been done. There was an illegal fishing village of 500 people built without permission on land it didn't own, since swept away. The Rolling Stones were here. Andy Warhol was here. Richard Nixon was here. Rumrunners battled with one another here. while also battling with revenuers. There was a raid on a gambling casino where New York Mayor Mickey Walker put a towel over his arm to look like a waiter, then ran safely away to keep from getting caught.

Montauk is so popular with the fishing community that Montauk holds more fishing records than any other community in the world. And its waves are so loved by surfers that, in a world filled with booming oceans with 30-foot waves, it consistently ranks in the Top 10 best surfing spots on the East Coast.

So what is the demonstration really all about? It is about watching, up close and personal, the temporary defacement of the entire stretch of downtown Montauk. Huge gashes are being sliced into the ground, wooden walkways are rising high in the air, existing beach dunes are being gouged out.

One has to trust that the Army Corps of Engineers knows what they are doing in building this defense against the possible flooding of downtown. Indeed, in the end, just 60 days from now, what now looks like a construction site will be all buttoned back up, the lost dunes restored to how they were back in the 1960s. Underneath will be a foundation of sandbags. It is necessary.

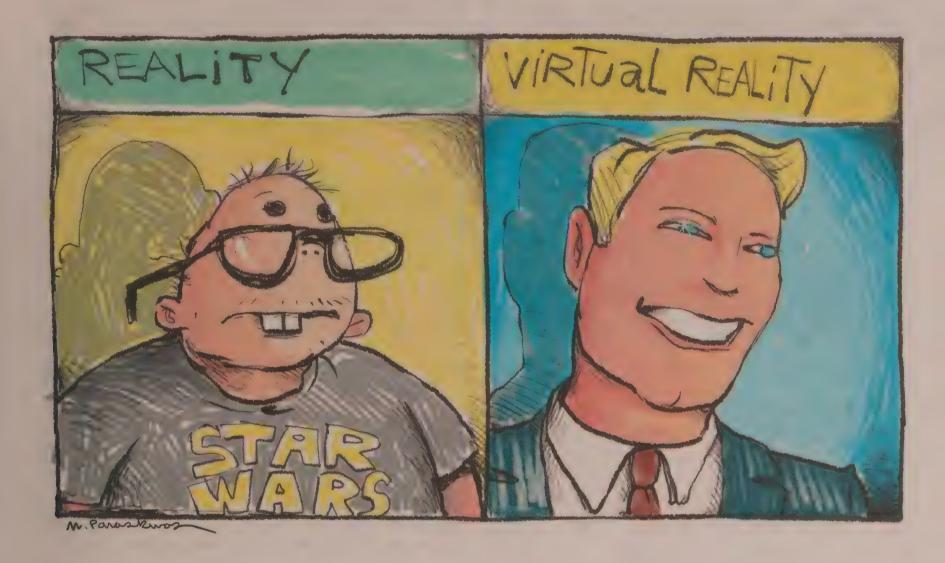
Our demonstrators, I think, are expressing their love for Montauk. Montauk is like a lovely woman. But if you watched her getting plastic surgery on her face to restore what she looked like when young, you'd probably be out front protesting they were ruining her.

Wait until it is over. She should look just fine. Montauk is a microcosm of the world. You could live here and never go anywhere and think you have seen it all. About the only thing we don't have is rainforests.

It's so easy to fall in love with this remarkable place.







Holy Cow!

A Guided Tour Through the Virtual Reality of a U-Build Cardboard Box

BY DAN RATTINER

Virtual reality arrived as a folded-up cardboard box inside *The New York Times* in my driveway the other day. I assembled the box into a sort of cube with eyeholes in it, slid a cellphone into it sideways and, by coordinating with a virtual reality app I downloaded, the eyeholes, a place for my nose and an elastic band that went around my head, I went to see what was what.

There inside the box I saw a movie underway about a bad guy with a wool cap, a three-day growth of beard carrying a wooden box across the deck of a small fishing trawler to a place near the door to a cabin. Water lapped at the hull. Mist wafted over the boat. There was the sound of a foghorn somewhere. I think I heard the word heist mentioned a couple of times. He set the box down alongside some others. He was talking to somebody.

Now, the way virtual reality was explained by somebody before I tried this was you could be in a waterhole with a hippopotamus and if you poked the hippo, which you wouldn't actually feel, the hippo would turn his head and glare at you. In this case, on this boat down at the

docks, I figured if I tried to open one of the boxes, I'd get shot or something.

But that's not what happened. I never got to the box. What DID happen is that the man looked toward me and then over my shoulder, because there was the sound of a car coming in behind me and coming to a halt. There must be a quay back there. The man said something. A voice in the car said something. And then, instead of what would happen in a regular movie, which was the scene cutting to the car pulling up so we could see who was in it, our man in the wool cap just kept talking to whoever it was. And it was not good. He cursed a little and he raised his voice. What the hell! Only one way to see who he was talking to, and so I turned around to look behind me and fell down. Bumped my head on the arm of a sofa. Lost the virtual reality box, which flew off. I had reality. Not virtual reality. Different.

Struggling to my feet, it occurred to me I wanted to see where this was going. I put the cardboard box back on my head. I turned one way and I was looking at the starboard side of the boat. I turned the other way and it was the port side. Ah ha. So there was the car, between the two but totally at what had been my back,

which was now my front or something since I'd fallen down, and this fellow, with a big black moustache, was yelling at the first guy, who was on the boat but now behind me.

I get it, I thought. The boat is facing out to sea in the slip. I'm looking at the stern. At the bow is the other guy, so I turned and no he wasn't. Where did he go? I heard his voice, turned to where it was coming from, and there he was again, now getting out of the boat at the stern to climb a little ladder to talk to the guy in the car. I'm standing in the middle of the boat. Everything is going on around me.

I got up, started to fall down again but this time grabbed a floor lamp and held on, pushing it hard into the rug like a crutch to keep myself from falling.

So that's it. The car was shiny new, I think it was a Volkswagen. I think they paid to have this film made. And now there's only one way to get off this damn boat.

I ripped the cardboard box off and tossed it on the sofa. There's a couple of thugs in this living room, I said, looking around. But they were gone.

I think I'll have a drink.





















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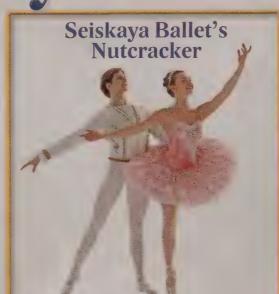
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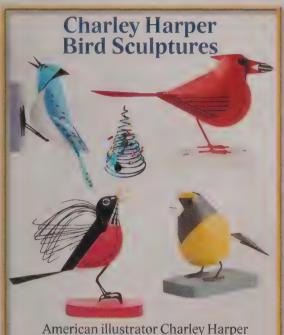
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This Week's Cover Artist: Keith Mantell

BY OLIVER PETERSON



Prolific Riverhead artist Keith Mantell offers a subtle holiday-themed painting, with a view of a North Fork Christmas tree farm, on this week's cover. The piece is not your typical picture of holiday cheer, but it's this keen eye and deep respect for composition, color and the art of mark-making,

above sentimental schmaltz, that makes him so good.

Tell us about this painting. Where is it, and what about the scene grabbed your attention?

"It's actually a Christmas tree farm. It's somewhere along the main road in Jamesport. What caught my attention was the angles in the structure—from the angle I was looking, it sort of replicated the trees on the left. Also, I liked all the angularity behind the big twisty tree branches that frame the barn and give some overall movement around the painting. I liked that gnarled tree...it adds depth and a haunting or foreboding sense.

How do you find your subjects? Is your eye tuned to see paintings and mentally carve out compositions wherever you go?

I do always keep my eyes tuned to things or places that could be interesting. That's exactly right. Someone may see a field of flowers and say to me, "Hey, you should go paint that!" but I may not find an interesting composition there and I'll move on. I can drive around for hours and not find the right spot, or I may find a few places to choose from in a short span. I may take some photos for reference, or sometimes I'll see a spot that looks like it could be good, but not today, so I'll remember it for another time under different conditions.

Do the ways of studio painting have benefits, or is painting on scene, en plein air, always better?

Both have benefits besides the obvious weather-related issues. Working en plein air forces me to make decisions faster than working in the studio. It's like training. I eventually will make more correct choices for the painting, and that will help me when I do work on longer extended studio pieces. It makes me think about keeping the paintwork fresh, spontaneous and clean. Conversely, studio work enables me the time to screw around with a painting and maybe discover something that I can carry over to plein air work.

Talk about your process.

I figured out talking with you today that unlike certain expressionist painters, who can start with no idea and wind up somewhere, I like to have a starting point, a subject, and then take it from there and see where the painting takes me. I like the process of discovery, so each time I put a mark down, the next one must relate in some way to the last one. It builds from there. Every color choice, composition line, brush mark relates to the last one and forces a decision for

the next one, so you have to think fast to make the right choices. Think [John Singer] Sargent.

How would you describe your voice? Was there a moment or a particular piece that made you realize you'd come into your own?

Not sure that I have. I continually evolve and learn and look for the truth in each thing I paint. I look at everything and everyone—



from cave paintings at Lascaux to Carmen Herrera and everything in between. I take it all in and mix it with my experiences, filter it through my pea-sized brain and out comes what you see. That's my voice.

To see more work by Keith Mantell, visit the South Street Gallery in Greenport (18 South Street, the south street gallery.com) or visit keithmantell.com.



EVENTS

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"A CHRISTMAS CAROL" AT THEATRE THREE

Through 12/27. The beloved annual production of the Charles Dickens classic returns. Theatre Three, 412 Main Street, Port Jefferson. 631-928-9100 theatrethree.com

"DECK THE HALLS" AT GALLERY NORTH

Through 12/23. Holiday-themed art show. Gallery North, 90 North Country Road, Setauket. 631-751-2676 gallerynorth.org

"STRANGERS IN THE NIGHT" AT WMHO EDUCATIONAL & CULTURAL CENTER

11:30 a.m. Through 12/20. Play about Ava Gardner. \$50 general/\$48 seniors. Ward Melville Heritage Organization Educational & Cultural Center, 111 Main Street, Stony Brook. 631-689-5888 wmho.org

JAZZ CLUB AT HARMONY VINEYARDS

8 p.m. Live musical acts perform. Harmony Vineyards, 169 Harbor Road, St. James. 631-291-9900 harmonyvineyards.com

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

HOMES OF HARBOR HILLS LANTERN LIGHT TOUR

4:30 p.m. Tour four upscale, grand homes decorated for the holidays. \$25/\$45 for tour and reception. Meet at 121 West Broadway, Port Jefferson. 631-473-4724 portjeff.com

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LIVE MUSIC AT ARDEN KITCHEN & BAR

 $10:\!30$ p.m. Different bands perform weekly. Arden Kitchen & Bar, 201 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Port Jefferson. 631-828-1111 theardenportjeff.com

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

SUNDAY HAPPY HOUR AT ARDEN KITCHEN & BAR

5 p.m. Live reggae music and drink deals. Arden Kitchen & Bar, 201 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Port Jefferson. 631-828-1111 theardenportjeff.com

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

SEISKAYA BALLET'S "NUTCRACKER" AT THE STALLER CENTER

12/18–12/21. One of Long Island's most lavish productions of Tchaikovsky's beloved ballet returns to the Staller Center. Choreographed by the famous Valia Seiskaya, this spectacular show has been crafted by acclaimed artists and dance from all over the world. Staller Center, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook. nutcrackerballet.com

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

"JEDI FIGHTING AIDS" AT PERFORMING ARTS STUDIO OF NY

7 p.m. An evening of musical theater and *Star Wars*. Presented by the Bluebox Theatre Company. Benefits BC/EFA. Performing Arts Studio of NY, 224 East Main Street, Port Jefferson. *blueboxtheatrecompany.com*

UPCOMING

NEW YEAR'S LAUGHIN' EVE AT THEATRE THREE

12/31, 6 p.m. Early bird, 8 p.m. prime time. Featuring Paul Anthony, Chris Roach and Rob Falcone. \$50 in advance/\$55 at the door. Theatre Three, 412 Main Street, Port Jefferson. 631-928-9100 theatrethree.com



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Hopefully Forgiven Hopes to Fund New EP

BY OLIVER PETERSON

ne of the South Fork's favorite local bands, Hopefully Forgiven, launched a campaign three months ago to fund their first professional EP. The band is nearly halfway to their goal, and they're asking fans to help through online crowd-funding site GoFundMe.com.

Started by guitarist and singer Brad Penuel—who co-leads the band with fellow singer/guitarist Telly Karoussos—the campaign is seeking \$40,000 to record and produce an EP with five to eight songs, though Penuel says the band has enough songs for a full album, if they get enough backing to produce it.

"We're constantly writing new material," Penuel says, explaining that Hopefully Forgiven is definitely about fun and good times, but they also work incredibly hard at their music and take their performances quite seriously.

Perhaps it's this combination that helped earn them the Dan's Best of the Best Platinum award for Best Local Band in 2014 and 2015.

"The *Dan's Papers* thing was a huge vote of confidence," Penuel says, describing the last two years as fairly blessed for the band.

Penuel, who came to New York City and eventually Sag Harbor, from Alabama, met Karoussos five years ago. The pair began singing together and, two years ago, decided to make it official and start a band.

With bassist Benjamin Goodale and drummer Bryan Beyer (who just left the band after moving to Ohio), Hopefully Forgiven earned a reputation for high-energy shows full of good vibes. Their fan base grew quickly, and they even recorded a few demo songs during a live performance, but they have yet to make a fully produced record.

Now, Penuel says Hopefully Forgiven is poised to do something great. Not only are they making excellent music and working well together, the band has also attracted attention from some real heavy hitters in their business.

Among them, Grammy-nominated producer/songwriter Larry Dvoskin (The Beach Boys, Robert Plant, Sammy Hagar, Sean Lennon and others) believes in Hopefully Forgiven enough to produce their EP, and Billy Joel's drummer Chuck Burgi has agreed to play on the record in Beyer's stead.

Dvoskin, who was Penuel's music teacher at New York University, says he rarely works with students, but he was struck by the singer-guitarist's authentic, "downhome" Alabama roots. "He's the real deal," Dvoskin says, calling Penuel a "bonafide Southerner."

The producer says he was awestruck by Hopefully Forgiven after seeing them play at LT Burger in Sag Harbor, and he's been a fan ever since. Dvoskin says the band's live show was so electric, the crowd was screaming, climbing on tables and pulling light fixtures from the ceiling just to get a better look. "The band is so much better than the recording," he points out. Hopefully Forgiven's existing demo songs are miles away from showcasing their magic, Dvoskin says, but he intends to get it right on the EP.

With the opportunity to work with such top-shelf talent, Penuel says Hopefully Forgiven wants to make a "big push" in the coming months.

Backers of their campaign will be rewarded with various incentives based on the size of donation. A \$20 donation, for example, will buy a copy of the CD, while more generous donors can get anything from personalized songs, merchandise, tickets and music career consultation from Dvoskin, all the way up to a private show at a \$3,000 donor's home.

"Imagine helping create Music from Big Pink,



Hopefully Forgiven plays live

or *Ten* or *Grace*," Penuel writes in the campaign, referencing his favorite records by The Band, Pearl Jam and Jeff Buckley, respectively. "Imagine helping Bruce [Springsteen] get *Greetings from Asbury Park* off the ground. Imagine creating rock history—and getting a free hat!"

Hopefully Forgiven is playing at Baron's Cove in Sag Harbor on Saturday, December 19 at 6 p.m. Visit hopefullyforgiven.com for details. To help Hopefully Forgiven to record their debut EP, visit GoFundMe.com/HopefullyForgiven.



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Holiday Spirit Rules On The East End

BY SHARON FEIEREISEN



Newws recently broke that the Hamptons will finally be getting their own design and décor fair. The Hamptons Contemporary pavilion will be at the Elks fairground on County Road 39 from June 3–5. There will be 40,000 square feet stocked with high0end furniture including home theaters, lighting, wine cellars, wall coverings, custom

cabinetry, kitchen and bath design, upholstery, architectural hardware, smart home technology, rugs, awnings, pools and spas, sunrooms, tile and marble, fireplaces, and home fitness. The opening night preview is on June 3 from 5 to 8 p.m. VIP admission is \$100, which includes the preview and weekend access. General admission is \$20 per person per day; weekend pass is \$30.

Also going on now are **Hampton Coffee Company's** (hamptoncoffeecompany.com) special holiday cafés and gift stores. All month, the locally owned and operated espresso bars & cafés offer a variety of holiday beverages, warm seasonal muffins, freshly baked pies, and local holiday gifts in every price range. There are also gift cards and made-to-order Hampton Gift Baskets, as well as Holiday Teas, Bodum French Presses, Hamptons Handpoured coffee-scented local candles, local handmade Simply

Made ceramic mugs, and their freshly roasted estategrown coffee beans in holiday gift bags.

No matter where the season takes you get there in comfort while showcasing a unique style with the limited edition Jason Polan and Lemlem collections just launched by **Soludos** (soludos.com). There are many styles available for under \$100 including ones with quirky donut and pizza themed designs—perfect for the holidays.

Speaking of holidays, every year **Nespresso** launches eagerly anticipated holiday-inspired limited edition coffee capsules (the only time of year that Nespresso stocks flavored varieties). This season, the lineup includes Vanilla Amaretti, Ciocco Ginger, and Vanilla Cardamom (nespresso.com).

If you'll be traveling, stock up on **Lipault** (lipault-us.com), a brand that puts your standard Samsonite to shame. Not only does the Parisian luggage label make foldable, incredibly light luggage, but the pieces are offered in a slew of vibrant colors so you'll never waste time figuring out what piece of luggage is yours again.

And, of course, it wouldn't be a holiday party without a little booze. Whether you're staying put or traveling checkout **Montauk Rum Runners** (White's Liquor Store, 771 Montauk Highway), a family owned and operated Montauk liquor company making artisanal (and beautifully packaged!), rum, whisky, and gin.

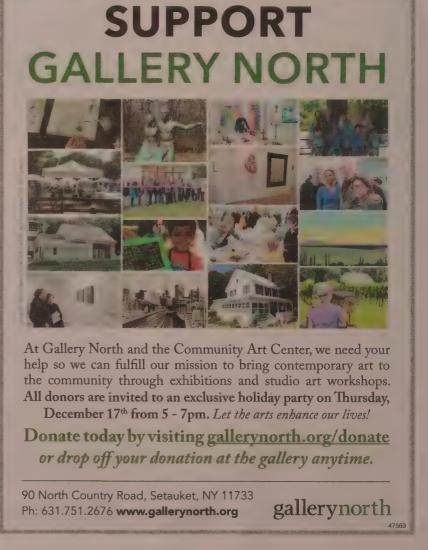
Help **Maureen's Haven** this holiday season. Maureen's Haven partners with houses of worship throughout the East End to ensure that the homeless are sheltered during the coldest months of the year. Support their efforts by dropping off new and gently used clothing, as well as any toiletries, to J. McLaughlin at 2 Jobs Lane, Southampton by December 19, and all items will be taken to someone in need. For more information on Maureen's Haven, visit maureenshaven.org.

Head **to c/o The Maidstone** in East Hampton for their open house holiday fair on December 12 and 19. The hotel turns into a whimsical gingerbread house with local vendors, Christmas knickknacks, homemade goodies, hot cocoa and mulled wine. c/o The Maidstone is located at 207 Main Street, East Hampton. For more information, visit themaidstone. com or call 631-324-5006.

On the North Fork, wine enthusiasts have long popped into The Village Cheese Shop on Love Lane in Mattituck for artisan cheeses to pair with their newly purchased local pours. The beloved fixture changed hands this past September, as longtime owner Rosemary Batcheller passed the store onto friend Michael Affatato. The shop maintains the same European feel, with a number of fondues and cheeses on offer. Step inside and enjoy a pot of made-to-order fondue on a chilly winter day, which comes with bread and apples for dipping. The Village Cheese Shop is located at 105 Love Lane, Mattituck. For more information, visit thevillagecheeseship.com or call 631-298-8556.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

BOOK READING, WINE TASTING AT WHITE ROOM

5 p.m. Owain Hughes and Anna Jurinich discuss how to shop like a sommelier. White Room Gallery, 2415 Main Street, Bridgehampton. *thewhiteroom.gallery*

PECHAKUCHA NIGHT AT PARRISH ART MUSEUM

6 p.m. Parrish Art Museum, 279 Montauk Highway, Water Mill. 631-283-2118 parrishart.org. Sold out.

HAMPTON BALLET THEATRE "THE NUTCRACKER"

7 p.m. Through 12/13. The annual production of The Hampton Ballet Theatre School's *Nutcracker* will be performed at Guild Hall, 158 East Main Street, Southampton. *hamptonballettheatreschool.com*

LONG LIVE THE QUEENS: LONG ISLAND GAY MEN'S CHORUS 2015 HOLIDAY CONCERT

8 p.m. One night only! The Gateway Playhouse, 215 South Country Road, Bellport. 631-286-1133 pacsc.org

THE GLENN MILLER ORCHESTRA: IN THE HOLIDAY MOOD AT PATCHOGUE THEATRE

8 p.m. The orchestra performs songs of the season. \$25. Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue. 631-207-1313 patchoguetheatre.org

HOLIDAY LANTERN TOUR WITH HUGH KING

6:30 p.m. Lantern tour of Main Street that will include historical houses decorated for Christmas. \$15, reservations required. Clinton Academy, 151 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-6850 easthampton history. org

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

POLAR BEAR PLUNGE AT COOPER'S BEACH

9:30 a.m. registration, 10 a.m. plunge. Plunge into the icy water to benefit Human Resources of the Hamptons. Cooper's Beach, Southampton. hrhamptons.org

WINTER SALON AT THE DRAWING ROOM GALLERY

10 a.m. Through 1/31. Installation of contemporary works juxtaposed with $18{\rm th}$ and $19{\rm th}$ century natural history works. The Drawing Room Gallery, $66{\rm H}$ Newtown Lane, East Hampton. 631-324-5016 drawingroom-gallery.com

"BY HAND" HOLIDAY GIFT SHOW AT ASHAWAGH HALL

10 a.m.-6 p.m. Also 12/13. Artisans' wares for sale. Ashawagh Hall, 280 Springs Fireplace Road, Wainscott. ashawagh-hall.org

DICKENS HOLIDAY FEST IN WESTHAMPTON BEACH

11 a.m.—4 p.m. Live music and entertainment, carolers, food and kids' activities. Main Street, Westhampton Beach. westhamptonchamber.com

"THE NUTCRACKER SUITE" AT PATCHOGUE THEATRE

1 p.m. Also 12/13. Performed with full orchestra. Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue. 631-207-1313 patchoguetheatre.org

SOUTHAMPTON'S "IT'S A WONDERFUL VILLAGE!"

1–4 p.m. a horse and buggy ride and a visit from Santa. Horse and buggy rides also 12/19. Southampton Village. 631-283-0402 southamptonchamber.com

QUOGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR

2 p.m. \$50 house tour/\$40 cocktail party/\$85 tour and party. Quogue Historical Society, 114 Jessup Avenue, Quogue. 631-996-2404 quoguehistory.org

POETRY READING AT CANIO'S

5 p.m. Readings by Marc Cohen and George Guida. Canio's Books, 290 Main Street, Sag Harbor. caniosbooks.com



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5 p.m. Authors read their entries from past Dan's Papers Literary Prize competitions. Wine and cheese will be served. Free. Southampton Arts Center, 25 Jobs Lane, Southampton. 631-283-0967 literaryprize.danspapers.com

HEARTHSIDE CHEER AT ROGERS MANSION

5:30 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres, sweets, bar, more. \$50/\$60 door. Rogers Mansion, 17 Meeting House Lane, Southampton. 631-283-2494 southamptonhistoricalmuseum org

MENORAHCADE IN EAST HAMPTON

6:30 p.m. Parade to Herrick Park for menorah lighting, followed by party at East Hampton Middle School. Start at Chabad of the Hamptons, 13 Woods Lane, East Hampton. 631-329-5800 chabadofthehamptons.com

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

FALL WORKSHOPS AT MARDERS

10 a.m. Dried wreath workshop. \$55, advance registration and payment required. Marders, 120 Snake Hollow Road, Bridgehampton. 631-537-3700 marders.com

TABLE TALK AT GUILD HALL

11 a.m. Self-healing with Susan Krieger. Guild Hall, 158 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-0806 guildhall.org

MENORAH LIGHTING IN AMAGANSETT

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

RHYME TIME AT THE HAMPTON LIBRARY

10 a.m. Songs, rhymes, stories and art exploration. Hampton Library, 2478 Main Street, Bridgehampton. 631-537-0015 hamptonlibrary.org

STORYTIME AT THE QUOGUE LIBRARY

11 a.m. For ages 2–5. Story and simple craft. Quogue Library, 90 Quogue Library, Quogue. 631-653-4224 quoguelibrary.org

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ROSS CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY THEATER'S "WONDERLAND"

5 p.m. Also 12/12. Adaptation of *Alice in Wonderland*. \$20 adults/\$10 students and kids. Ross Lower School Field House, 739 Butter Lane, Bridgehampton. *631-907-5361 ross.org*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

CMEE'S ANNUAL GINGERBREAD DECORATING WORKSHOP

10 a.m. Kids will decorate their own pre-built gingerbread houses. \$30 per house/\$20 for members, includes museum admission. Children's Museum of the East End, 376 Bridgehampton Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton. 631-537-8250 cmee.org

DICKENS HOLIDAY FESTIVAL IN WESTHAMPTON BEACH

11 a.m.-4 p.m. Live music and entertainment, carolers, food and kids' activities. Main Street, Westhampton Beach. westhamptonchamber.com

MEET SANTA AT WHITE'S APOTHECARY

Noon. Gifts for kids and goodie bags for moms, hot chocolate and photo with Santa. White's Apothecary, 18 Hampton Road, Southampton. 631-287-2900

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SANTA AT GURNEY'S

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What's New at Wölffer Kitchen in Sag Harbor

BY STACY DERMONT



Local Carrot Cake is how my husband and I ended our recent meal at Wölffer Kitchen in Sag Harbor, but it is where I choose to begin—with candied walnuts and mascarpone frosting... to accompany our shared dessert I ordered a glass of Marcari Vineyards' Viognier Dessert Wine Block E 2010, while Husband ordered

a glass of Wölffer's Diosa Late Harvest 2013. Both are award-winning wines. I sipped the Macari and quite enjoyed it with my cake, then Husband gave me a taste of the Diosa. This stuff is golden in more ways than one, delightfully complex. And thus Wölffer Kitchen, the first winery-owned restaurant in the Hamptons, fulfills its mission to offer the best of local wine pairings with wine-friendly food.

Other local wines on offer at Wölffer Kitchen include a selection from Channing Daughters Winery, The Grapes of Roth, Palmer Vineyards, Paumanok Vineyards, Roanoke Vineyards and Sparkling Pointe.

There's a new chef at Wölffer Kitchen—Brian Cheewing. He worked at Jean Georges years ago, but we fondly remember him at the helm of the Coast Grill in Noyac. (The food there was a lot better than it needed to be—given the gorgeous view.)



Chef Brian Cheewing's Day Boat Stew

It's kind of the opposite of summer right now on the East End—you'll find that it's not so difficult to get a reservation or a parking space nearby. Husband and I sat indoors at a tiny table for two while sexy Euro pop and Moby singles played. The current prix fixe at Wölffer Kitchen is three courses and a glass of Wölffer's house wine for \$35. We could have done well with the prix fixe menu but we do have a tendency to drift... husband indulged in a Hendricks Gin martini straight up with an olive and I went for a Cucumber Cosmo. Husband found his drink of choice rendered "very clean" while my cosmo was quite fun by virtue of it being quite pink, with a lime wheel on its rim. And the bartender was not at all stingy with the vodka.

Husband started with the Grilled Octopus, which he found tender and nicely charred. I went for the soup of the day, which was Wild Mushroom. The flavor of the earthy mushrooms layered nicely with the spinach and Parmesan, and the soup's egg drops were remarkably light. We also ordered a side of Roasted Brussels Sprouts and were very glad that we did. Cooked to crisp-tender perfection with garlic, crispy pancetta and Parmesan, this little brassica is the ultimate comfort food.

Husband ordered the Sautéed Local Fluke but

waffled and changed his order to the Day Boat Stew. With monkfish, clams, mussels, bay scallops, baby carrots, potatoes and saffron fumé, this dish exemplifies the kind of cooking that has made Chef Cheewing so popular with East Enders—he has a deft hand and he takes his time. Husband allowed me a taste—this is some next-level, savory broth! I had Rock Shrimp over risotto. Once again Cheewing had coaxed the maximum amount of flavor from a sea creature.

While dining, Husband enjoyed a glass of Wölffer Sauvignon Blanc while I sipped

from a glass of a Wölffer Chardonnay.

Cheewing is the proud papa of a 4-month-old girl and Wölffer Kitchen's manager Max Rohn has a five-month-old bundle of joy at home. So much is new at Wölffer Kitchen. Wölffer Kitchen started offering weekend brunch at the end of November—their panini and grilled pizzas are a hit. They're doing a four-course New Year's Eve prix fixe and in May they plan to add lunch and to be open seven days a week.

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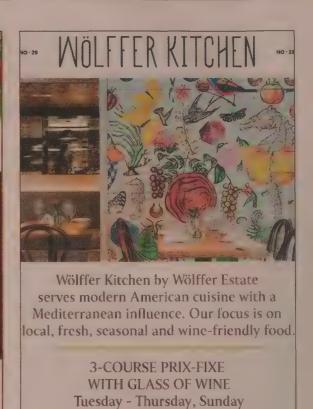
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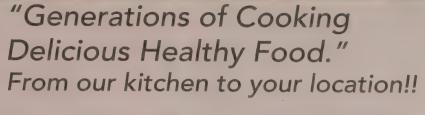
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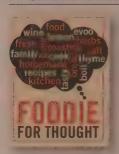
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Lasagna & Meltaways for the Holidays

BY GENEVIEVE HORSBURGH



Family. Food. Tradition. Those three words describe the holiday season for me. In my world, there is no holiday where we don't have a pasta dish. My favorite is lasagna, and the key to any worthy lasagna is a truly spectacular red sauce, which I make in the style of my Italian ancestors. Use your favorite for this dish

and I promise you will love it.

My second favorite part of the holiday meals is dessert, of course! My love of baking was instilled in me by my Aunt Franny, a very special lady who for as long as I can remember has been THE baking queen in our family. Until she moved out of state, there was never a holiday that didn't include dozens of her cookies, all delicious, all beautiful, and I was always in awe of the shear variety of cookies she would make.

One of my mother's favorite cookies is Aunt Franny's Meltaways. Since she's too far to mail cookies, it's up to me each holiday season to make as many batches of these cookies as I possibly can. They are a fairly simple cookie, but I think that's what makes them so good. With equal parts flour and chopped nuts, these little gems pack huge flavor, and when covered with powdered sugar, they are like plump little snowballs of sweet nutty goodness. Feel free to double this recipe (as I often do), because you will want to share them with all your friends and family.

These cookies also keep really well, and they make excellent and festive looking gifts, too. You can

also make them ahead and store them in an airtight container on your counter for up to two weeks—if they last that long!

My Lasagna

2–6 oz boxes of NO BOIL Lasagna sheets (they are a such a time saver) 6 cups (2 lbs) freshly shredded mozzarella cheese (save 1/2 cup for top of lasagna) 3 lbs whole milk Ricotta cheese

(save 1/4 cup to dollop or 2 eggs, beaten

1 1/2 cups grated Parmesan cheese (save 1/4 cup for the top)

1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley

2 tablespoons salt

1-tablespoon pepper

4-6 cups of your favorite red sauce

2 teaspoons butter (for top of Lasagna)

Preheat your oven to 375 degrees.

In a large mixing bowl, combine your mozzarella, ricotta and Parmesan (be sure to reserve the specified amounts for the topping) with your eggs, parsley, salt and pepper.

Prepare a 13 X 9" inch casserole dish by pouring 1 cup of your pasta sauce on the bottom. Then begin by layering your first sheets of lasagna noodles so that you cover the bottom; I used 6 sheets per layer, and they overlapped a little, which is okay. Then take your cheese mixture and layer on a 1/3 of it, spreading it out to cover the pasta sheets. Then add



(save 1/4 cup to dollop on top) My Lasagna is a staple at our Holiday table

another layer of pasta sheets, 1 cup of sauce, 1/3 of the mixture. Repeat once more.

For your top layer, combine your mozzarella and Parmesan that you reserved, and sprinkle evenly on top. Dollop your remaining ricotta cheese on top, then sprinkle dots of butter over.

Bake for about 30 minutes covered with foil, and then the last 15 minutes uncover it and cook until cheese is golden

and bubbly. And the most important step: Let your lasagna rest for at least 30 minutes before slicing and serving.

Aunt Franny's Meltaways

1/2 cup (1 stick) margarine, at room temperature 3 tablespoons powdered sugar

1 cup flour

1 cup finely chopped walnuts (you can use pecans or almonds too if you prefer)

Cream margarine and sugar in your KitchenAid or a bowl with a mixer until fluffy. Gradually add in flour. Stir in nuts. Chill for an hour. Then form into tablespoon sized balls and place on an ungreased cookie sheet—I line mine with parchment paper. Bake at 350 degrees for about 20 minutes until golden.

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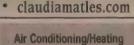
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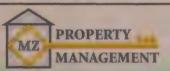
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Sun, Snow, Sand, Surf...Where Do You Winter?

There's something special about life on the East End during fall and winter, whether it's the chance to take in the vineyards and holiday festivals or simply the solitude of the beaches and endless access to shopping, entertainment and dining. Yet it's also the perfect time of year to explore other environs, whether as a renter or as a second (or third or fourth) homeowner in areas where sand and sun or snow reign supreme. With summer in the rear-view mirror, our panel of experts from the local market and further afield share their insights into key points for buyers and sellers in the Hamptons, on the North Fork and beyond.

"Like many, I think fall is one of the most beautiful times of year to enjoy a property. The weather is still great and the crowds are largely gone. As you head into winter, we recommend that buyers purchasing a home ask for a pool letter and sprinkler letter from the seller that ensures the pool and sprinkler system was in good working order at the time of closing. Sellers should try to keep their pools open as long as possible—as a house shows better with an open pool. They should also stay on top of fall cleanups and remember to engage a snow removal company early in the season. We can't sell a house if snow blocks gates, driveways and front doors.... I love Aspen for skiing, Miami for sun and fun, and New York City for its energy and excitement. But no place is better than the Hamptons!"—Enzo Morabito, Licensed Associate Real Estate Broker, Enzo Morabito Real Estate Team, Douglas Elliman Real Estate

"Fall in the Hamptons is my favorite season. The traffic is down and the beaches and bays are still the most beautiful in the world. If you are in the market to buy a home, winter is the best time to look at Hamptons real estate. Many potential buyers have gone south, yet there are always homeowners that must sell in a timely manner. Dress warmly, be courageous and you may just land the home of your dreams. If you are considering investing in another vacation locale, I suggest Aspen, Colorado. There is consistent demand from buyers and the rental market is strong. Like the Hamptons, values go up over the long-term. Aspen is not only for skiing. In the summer months it is a cultural mecca. What can be better than listening to music on top of a mountain?" -Alan Schnurman, Licensed Associate Real Estate Broker, Saunders & Associates

"What's so special about owning a property on the East End during the fall and winter is that it's just a great time to enjoy all that the Hamptons offers. Obviously, the crowds have subsided, which means it's easier to make reservations to enjoy all of the great restaurants that abound out here. Traveling from Montauk to Southampton is a breeze. A brisk walk on the beach is so refreshing and mind-altering, especially since it's easy to park your car now. As for buyers and sellers during these seasons, it used to be in the past that this was the time to scoop up a deal for the buyer. Granted, there is a slowdown in the market during the holidays, but not like it



Enjoy winter on the East End!

was years ago. It's actually a great time for potential buyers to be looking. The laidback feel brings back a time of yesteryear, when the Hamptons were like that all year round."—John Christopher, Licensed Associate Real Estate Broker, Brown Harris Stevens of the Hamptons, LLC

"The East End is remarkable 'after season.' The myriad activities available for families are harder to experience, if at all, in the city. The fall and winter light across the land are as beautiful, although in different ways. The days are shorter, the villages are quieter, and there is something peaceful and calming about the change of seasons. It offers a real respite from an otherwise hectic life. We have noted in more cases than (Continued on next page)





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not, that once folks buy a house in the Hamptons, they may come out as often as 50 weekends per year.

There are defined advantages to buying 'off-season.' Customers looking to buy during time periods when the leaves have fallen off the trees and hedges, can see the land parcel boundaries more clearly, or how near or far the neighbors' properties run. And on the ocean, customers can see firsthand how the elements can affect homes. These can be important considerations for a customer's decision to purchase."—Holly Hodder, Licensed Salesperson, Sotheby's International Realty

"South Florida is the 'it' winter destination for a tremendous number of Long Island natives, who escape the chilly northern winters by indulging in the tropical climate of the Palm Beach, Fort Lauderdale and Miami markets. With miles and miles of pristine beaches, the warm Atlantic waters, an average winter temperature near 80°, and cultural attractions galore, South Florida is more popular than ever. For Long Islanders, South Florida boasts world class country clubs, championship golf, five-star shopping, three international airports and a carefree lifestyle that is second to none."—Ben G. Schachter, LCAM, GRI, Broker-President & Licensed Real Estate Instructor, The Signature Real Estate Companies

"As we head into winter the numerous opportunities present themselves to enjoy the rich history of each of the hamlets in their holiday festivals. It's a wonderful place to escape the chaos of the city to select and cut your own Christmas tree, or do your holiday shopping in all of our unique little shops and boutiques that offer personalized service and











Dreaming of a white Christmas?

that hometown warmth you can't find anywhere else. At the end of your day exploring the beautiful North Fork, come home, light a fire and enjoy a cup of cocoa snuggled under a cozy blanket with the ones you love."—Donielle Cardinale, Licensed Associate Real Estate Broker, Daniel Gale Sotheby's International Realty

"Fall on the East End is my favorite time of the year. The ocean waters are still warm, the light is incredible, the crowds are gone, which makes driving a breeze, and getting a reservation at Nick & Toni's won't take three weeks. Indian summer is harvest season, so those of us who garden are reaping the fruits of our labor-literally-and those who love to fish will find a bounty of opportunities. Oh, and real estate-wise, it is the height of the busiest selling season! Sellers put the apple pie in the oven and go downtown shopping while your realtor does an open house. Buyers—fall is our busy season, so if you are ready to make a great investment, pull the trigger now. Sales made now will close in winter, which is perfect to give the seller time to move out and the buyer time to personalize their new home and have it ready for springtime. The winter out east reminds me of a Norman Rockwell painting—ice skaters on Town Pond, sledding on Quail Hill, hiking the waterfront on North Haven. The holidays are a quiet time for residential but the busiest time for commercial, as shops and restaurants need the winter to get ready for Memorial Day business!

As an avid skier, my passion takes me out west every winter—which is ideal for my business, as that is the slowest time of year for Hamptons real estate. I've thought many times about buying but I can't decide between Colorado, Utah, Wyoming or California, so I guess I will keep kicking those tires until I can grow up and decide. In the meantime I will keep my investment dollars in my East End tire—it's done me well."—Judi Desiderio, CEO, Town & Country Real Estate

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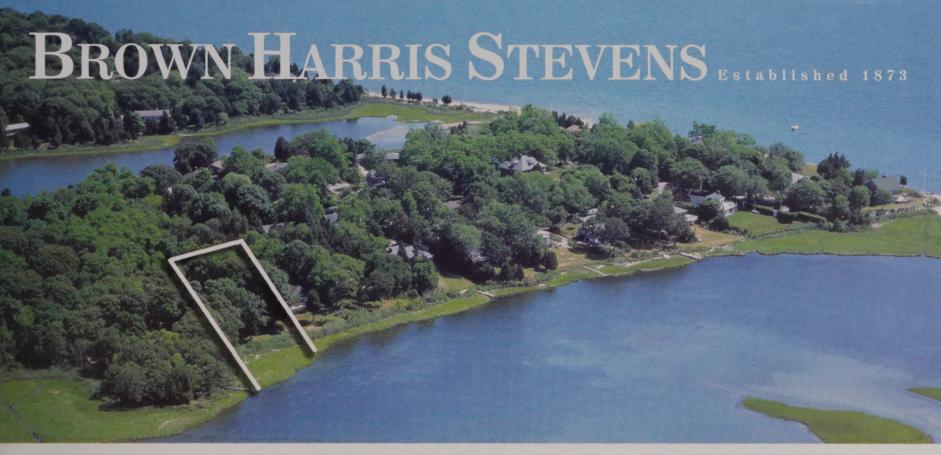
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